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MANN AND LEWIS MISS FUGITIVE

Local Officers Were Few Hours Too Early For Arkansas Killer

Sheriff Lee Mann and City Marshal Lewis came within a few hours of capturing a fugitive from Arkansas justice Sunday when they went to Fort Worth to keep tab on incoming trains for Clarke Yancey, 20 years of age, who was wanted by Helena, Ark., officers on the charge of killing a man near that place at a Saturday night dance. Sheriff Mann and Marshal Lewis received notification Sunday morning from the Arkansas officers, and with a description of the young man they left for Fort Worth. They watched the incoming trains from the north and "knocked around" the district where the young man would likely visit, but they failed to locate him. Returning home our local officers were notified the next morning that Fort Worth officers had arrested Yancey a few hours after Mann and Lewis had left town. Yancey's train came in soon after the Decatur officers left. A reward of \$50 was offered by the Helena authorities. The following is taken from Thursday's Fort Worth Star Telegram:

Clarke Yancey, 20, who was caught here Monday, left Wednesday morning for Helena, Ark., to stand trial for the killing of Luther Shurman. He shot Shurman at a dance last Friday night and immediately left for Texas. He was on his way to a relative's home at Justin when he was caught here.

Yancey was in charge of an Arkansas deputy when he left. This deputy arrived Tuesday night with a check for \$50, which he gave to Detectives Harmon and Jackson as a reward for the arrest of Yancey.

Yancey was unworried and glad to return to Arkansas. He is confident of acquittal. He still wears a bruised eye which he received in the fight with Shurman.

"Shurman was all the time bullying us younger boys around," said Yancey. "He was 30 years old and had four children, but he went to all the dances and tried to run things to suit himself. He got me down on the floor and began to beat on me. That is where I got this black eye. Then he told me and some other boys to light out for home. We all ran for our mules. I was getting on my mule when he came at me with a chair. I tried to shoot."

County High School Baseball League

All schools that expect to take part in the interscholastic league baseball schedule are hereby notified to have a representative, either teacher or student manager, at the county superintendent's office in Decatur at 1 o'clock Thursday, March 6th, for the purpose of arranging a schedule for baseball. The finals in basketball will be played off at Decatur between Chicago and Decatur high schools on the same day and Friday preceding. If unable to get a representative to attend, you should telephone Mr. Russell or the secretary.

S. W. Henderson, Athletic Director.

Millard, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Southers, who was badly burned last Friday by falling backward into a boiling pot of corn, died Tuesday evening about 8 o'clock. Burial took place at Old Town cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. H. M. Reed.—Bridgeport Times.

The nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Robertson of near Rhome, died Sunday of pneumonia after an illness of one week. The body was laid to rest in the Deep Creek cemetery Monday after appropriate funeral services at the home.—Boyd Index.

Services at Baptist Church

In spite of the mud and rain there

were two hundred and thirty-four in Sunday school and a collection for a special object of twenty-four dollars. We want three hundred present next Sunday and those who were not present last Sunday are requested to increase the offering to thirty dollars. The congregations at the preaching services were real good considering the mud. The morning subject was, "Paul's Prayer for the Ephesians," and at night, "Serving the Lord." The pastor will preach next Sunday morning as usual and at the night service the B. Y. P. U. will have charge and will give a stereopticon lectures on "Home Missions." The pictures will be real good and the entire service will be especially helpful. Let everybody come.

Shiloh Epworth League

Subject: "Epworthians as dike builders against rum."
Leader, Carl Gilbert.
"The prohibition movement and its present extent," Kathleen Dunaway.
"The beginning of the fight for prohibition," Mary Wallace.
"A national prohibition law," Linnie Blewett.
"Prohibition in Massachusetts," May Robison.
"Prohibition in Kansas," Ola Ivey.
"Prohibition in Russia," Louis Rhoads.
"Agencies and influences at work for prohibition," Glen Dunaway.
"What does it all matter to Epworthians?" Grady New.
"Five things to do," by the leader.
Reading, Ola Ivey.
Duet.

Notice

Beginning Monday, March 8, we will close at 4 o'clock p. m., Saturday and first Monday excepted.
First State Bank,
First National Bank,
City National Bank.

OLD CHICKEN FOR FRYING

More Economical and as Appetizing as Young Bird if Prepared in This Fashion.

Few women know that from the much-despised old hen one can make a delicious dish of fried chicken. The market price of old fowl is always from 4 to 6 cents less per pound than that for the young birds; also, the former has the better flavor.

Clean and cut up the old bird as for stewing (this must be done in the morning for an evening dinner), put in stew pan two small onions, some parsley, salt to taste and a pinch of paprika. Add the chicken and enough water and stew gently until tender.

Do not take the fowl from the stew pot too soon, as herein lies the secret of a tasty meal, but allow it to remain in its own juices until you are ready to fry it. Then remove to a platter and lightly flour each piece.

Have your frying pan hot; add your butter and a few tablespoonfuls of olive oil. Fry to a delicate brown and serve in a bed of lettuce, with milk dressing, or cream, if preferred.

The chicken stock will make a fine cream of chicken soup or clear soup for luncheon.

If the hen is fat, there will be on the soup stock, when cooled, a large amount of rendered fat, which may be skimmed off and used for frying potatoes, thus affording saving in lard.

Apple Cream Cake.

Make a one-egg cake and bake in round tin and cut with sharp knife. Use this cream between and on top and scatter whole preserved strawberries over top if you have them.

Cream—Bake three tart apples after coring. Scrape out inside of apple and beat till it grows light colored, then add a little confectioner's sugar and beat again. Then add stiffly beaten white of one egg and beat and add enough more confectioner's sugar, beating constantly till about the consistency of heavy whipped cream. Use the day after making. It sets into a sort of sponge and looks like whipped cream. The more you beat it the whiter it gets.

Fig Tarts.

Make and bake piecrust shells. Fill with the following filling: Boil one cupful sugar and three teaspoonfuls water until it threads, or about six minutes. Pour over the beaten whites of two eggs. Add one and one-fourth teaspoonfuls of lemon juice, to one cupful of chopped figs. Mix well.

Sauce for Pudding.

Beat the whites of three eggs until stiff, add one-half cupful of powdered sugar and the grated yellow rind of half a lemon. Pour on slowly one cupful of boiling water, stirring all the time, and the sauce is ready to serve.

MISS ATKINS, 16 BADLY BURNED

While Popping Corn, the Daughter of Prominent Citizens is Victim

Miss Annie Atkins, age 16, was perhaps fatally burned last Wednesday afternoon at her home in Paradise. At last reports her condition was considered very serious, and she was not expected to long survive.

The regrettable affair occurred while the young lady was popping corn before a fire for her little brothers and sisters. She had turned her back to the fire when her clothing caught fire. As the flames leaped up the girl's back, her younger brother made heroic efforts to smother the fire with an overcoat; but the excited girl ran screaming from the house into the yard. Her father was at the barn at the time and, hearing his daughter's screams, ran to her assistance, and succeeded in smothering the flames.

All the back part of the girl's clothing burned, and her flesh from her shoe tops, up her limbs and back to her neck was cooked.

Since the frightful incident the young lady has been near death, and physicians say she can hardly live.

Miss Annie is a bright and lovable girl and has a host of friends. Her parents, Prof. and Mrs. S. L. Atkins, have long been prominent educators in Wise county.

Overdrafts in Bad Repute at Banks

Treasury Department, Washington, Jan. 28, 1915.—To the Board of Directors. Gentlemen: The granting by some banks of accommodations in the form of overdrafts is objectionable and cannot be countenanced by this office.

This practice should cease entirely. To facilitate the accomplishment of this result, the subject has been taken up by this office with the banking departments of various states, and these authorities have generally agreed to take the necessary action to secure the effective co-operation of state banks in attaining the end desired.

You are requested to adopt a resolution directing that no officer or employee of your bank shall pay or charge to the account of any depositor and check of such depositor when there are not sufficient funds on deposit to the credit of the drawer of the check to meet the same.

Please forward a certified copy of the resolution to this office as soon as it has been adopted. Let the resolution show the names of the directors present at the meeting.

Please acknowledge receipt without delay. Respectfully,

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS,
Comptroller.

Referring to the above letter from Comptroller Williams, we ask the co-operation of our depositors that we may be able to meet the requirements of the department.

City National Bank,
First National Bank,
First State Bank.

Knox Culton, formerly of Chicago, was through Bridgeport from Jacksboro Wednesday morning on his way home to Amarillo. Knox is another Wise county boy who is making good. He has been with the Santa Fe several years, and is now traveling accountant.—Bridgeport Times.

Miss Mary Risinger has been selected to direct the Methodist choir, succeeding Mrs. S. M. Gose who resigned the position.

Friends of Bullock Endorse Him

The State of Texas, County of Wise. We, the undersigned, con-

stituting the bar of Decatur, Texas, knowing that our friend and professional companion for many years, Judge W. H. Bullock, has removed to Boulder, Colo., and now makes his home at that place, and learning that he contemplates entering the active practice of law there; desire to hereby testify our high regard for him as a lawyer and a good citizen. We, without hesitation or reservation, having known and practiced law with him, some of us for more than thirty years, regard him as a competent lawyer and highly accomplished gentleman in all the walks of life and a useful citizen, and we hereby commend him to the good people of Boulder as a most valuable accession to their community.

R. E. Carswell,
L. D. Ratliff,
C. V. Terrell,
J. G. Gose,
J. W. Walker, Co. Judge,
C. T. Gettys,
T. J. McMurray,
W. C. Shults,
R. F. Spencer, Jr.,
J. W. Patterson, District Judge for 24 years.

Epworth League Program

Leader, Homer Holliday.
Subject: "The Challenge of the Changing East."
Scripture lesson, Ellena Walker.
Outline of program, Miss Ethel Renshaw.
"The Challenge of the Changing East," Paul Scott, Outler D. Gose.
Talk on China, Tressie Mauldin.
Talk on Japan, May Hoyl.
Talk on Korea, Henry Mason.
Bible drill, first vice president.
Critic, Paul Scott.

Plain Boiled Greens.

Dandelion, spinach, mustard, beet tops and a large number of other similar greens are very health-giving and should be more freely used. The needless waste of labor and material in squeezing dry and chopping, then adding garnishes and general effort to secure "refined foolishness" and "exhausting fussery" have so injured the popularity of spinach, dandelion, etc., that few now dare to write with all boldness. "Just clean them well, pick out all defective leaves, sticks and dirt, wash thoroughly after soaking in salted water and then boil with a reasonable amount of water. When done just take them out with a fork, then skim out all remaining pieces of leaves, and most emphatically do not further drain, squeeze or dry them. We often put in either salt pork, corned beef, tongue, knuckle of ham or other meat in boiling. They can be boiled in clear, slightly salted water or with any meat if desired. A little vinegar or lemon juice is all the dressing needed for many tastes, although some prefer pepper and butter for seasoning.

Apricot Sponge.

An apricot sponge is a nice dish. Open a can of apricots and drain the fruit. To the sirup add one cupful of sugar and boil for five minutes, add one-half a box of gelatin, which has been soaked in one-half cupful of cold water until soft, stir until it is melted. Rub the apricot through a sieve, add the strained juice of two lemons and add the other mixture. When cold and beginning to thicken add the stiffly beaten whites of four eggs and beat until very stiff. Turn into a wetted mold and set aside until firm. Serve with a custard made from the yolks of the eggs, one pint of milk one-third of a cupful of sugar and one teaspoonful of vanilla.

Stand for Sick Bed.

Take three grocery boxes, about 30 inches long and 6 or 7 inches deep stand on end, back to back, and tack them together, take third one and nail to the side of these two, put two little shelves in each one, and you will have a very handy little cabinet for the bedside or in any bedroom. Tack linoleum on top and put curtains around three sides. Can lay a pretty cover over linoleum. Will hold many things—books, medicines, small dishes, old cloth and things needed while sick, etc.

Vestibule Curtains.

Cream scrim curtains with bands of cluny or torchon lace at top and bottom make most artistic vestibule—that is, front door—hangings. They are a relief from the panels of lace that distort the doors of so many city houses.

Mock Baked Apple.

One pint of stoned and chopped prunes, beaten whites of three eggs one-half cupful of flour. Bake in buttered pudding dish 25 minutes. Serve with sugar and cream.

"The Adventures of Kathleen" is shown every Monday night at the Majestic.

THIS "PRUDENT MAN" PUT HIS FIRST SAVINGS IN THE BANK



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CONFECTIONS ALL LIKE

HOUSEWIFE ALWAYS SAFE IN SERVING THE STRAWBERRY.

Here Are Six Suggestions for the Use of the Delicious Fruit—Muffins Added to Enjoyment of Afternoon Tea.

Strawberry Bavarian Cream.—Take one cupful of mashed strawberries, using both the pulp and the juice, three-quarters of cupful of powdered sugar, one cupful heavy cream stiffly beaten, and three-quarters of level tablespoonful of granulated gelatin. Soak the gelatin in four tablespoonfuls cold water. When it is soft, melt over hot water. Add melted gelatin to strawberry juice and let it partially cool or set. Beat the sugar in the whipped cream, fold this into the partly set gelatin and allow the whole to stiffen thoroughly before serving. It may be molded in large fancy mold, in a plain loaf, or individual molds. This dish may be served with plain cream and sugar or the remainder of the box of strawberries may be mashed, sweetened to taste, and poured around it.

Old-Fashioned Strawberry Short Cake.—One quart flour, one scant teaspoonful salt, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, two tablespoonfuls butter, one pint milk. Sift flour, salt and powder together, rub in cold butter, add milk and mix into smooth dough just soft enough to handle. Divide in half and roll out the size of pan used. Bake in hot oven 20 minutes. Separate the cake, and spread with butter. Hull one quart strawberries, wash, mash, add cupful sugar, spread over cake and serve.

Steamed Strawberry Pudding.—Mix one cupful sugar, two eggs, one teaspoonful baking powder, two cupfuls flour, one cupful sweet milk, two cupfuls strawberries and steam two hours. Mash two additional cupfuls of berries, add three-quarters cupful sugar and serve with pudding.

Strawberry Punch.—Hull and wash one quart ripe strawberries and half a pint raspberries. Crush together and strain juice through a sieve. Make a sirup of two cupfuls sugar and one and one-half cupfuls water. Mix with the juice and sirup a large tumbler port wine. Keep on ice for several hours. Serve in small glasses with lady fingers.

Strawberry Muffins.—Add to one pint flour two teaspoonfuls baking powder and a little salt; sift all together. Cream one-quarter cupful of butter, two tablespoonfuls sugar and add the beaten yolks of two eggs. Stir into butter, sugar and eggs alternately one cupful sweet milk and the flour mixture. When smooth, stir in beaten whites of two eggs. Have ready one cupful fresh strawberries thoroughly cleaned and hulled and sprinkled with sugar. Stir into the mixture without breaking. Pour in buttered muffin tins, bake in slow oven three-quarters of an hour and serve warm.

Strawberry Layer Cake.—Cream one cupful sugar and one tablespoonful butter. Add one egg, beaten thoroughly one cupful sweet milk, two cupfuls flour into which two teaspoonfuls baking powder have been sifted, a pinch of salt and a dash of nutmeg. Divide this mixture into two or three cake tins and bake in a moderately hot oven. Hull and clean one box strawberries, cut the berries in half, sweeten and place between and on top of layers. Whip a half pint cream until stiff. Put over berries and serve.

Rhubarb Dumplings.—Children will enjoy these for lunch or supper, even though they do not like rhubarb. Many children very much dislike it, in fact.

The rhubarb is stewed in half its weight of sugar and a little water. While it is cooking mix a biscuit batter, using a pint of flour, a half teaspoonful salt, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a cupful of milk. Drop this in the rhubarb by spoonfuls and cook for from eight to ten minutes. A pinch of ground ginger or a few raisins can be added if the flavor is liked.

For Emergencies.

To keep the tablecloth clean at a child's place, I have found it most helpful to get some thin white oiled paper, spread under the child's plate and extending a little beyond. It will not be very noticeable, especially if it is cut and laid smoothly on the cloth.

To keep a meal hot for a late comer take a soup plate and almost fill it with hot water, then place the dinner plate, with its contents, on top of the hot soup plate, and cover closely with another plate.—Exchange

Little Steamed Puddings.

Cream one-quarter cupful of butter with one-half cupful of sugar, add one-half cupful of milk, then one cupful of flour sifted with two level teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a pinch of salt, and last fold in the stiffly beaten whites of three eggs. Have some small molds or cups buttered, fill half full with the batter, cover with buttered paper and steam three-quarters of an hour. Serve hot with a sauce.

Individual Peach Dessert.

In a frappe glass place one-half a peach from a can of peaches, with the cavity side up. In the hollow place four or five marshmallows and nearly cover with sirup from the can. Now heap up the glass with whipped cream piled lightly on top of the marshmallows. Serve very cold with crisp mao

CAKES FOR AFTERNOON TEA

Most Welcome Additions to Function That is Every Day Becoming More Popular.

Hot buttered currant cakes have become an essential to the properly served afternoon tea. Some say the custom is of French origin, but England holds out that it is strictly British, in that the currant cakes are typical of Yorkshire and Cumberland where the best of them are made. To serve the cake hot it is split and placed upon a grill, warmed quite through and then well buttered. Here is a recipe that will reflect credit on any one who follows it accurately:

Cumberland Hot Cakes.—One pound of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, four ounces of clotted cream six ounces currants, two tablespoonfuls castor sugar, one ounce finely shredded lemon peel, a grate of nutmeg, one egg, a little milk and a pinch of salt.

Sift together the flour, baking powder and sugar. Add the salt and nutmeg. Rub the cream well in. Add the currants and lemon peel and mix thoroughly. Beat the egg in a little milk, and with it work the other ingredients to a fairly stiff paste. Roll out, cut into oblong cakes, bake on a griddle or buttered baking sheet, split open, butter lightly, place together as before and serve hot from the griddle, piling them neatly upon a doily-covered plate.

GOOD WAYS TO SERVE RICE

Something Different From the Ordinary Methods, and All Well Worth a Trial.

(1) Take two cupfuls of cold rice; butter a baking dish, arrange in the bottom a layer of rice, then a layer of grated cheese. Continue until the dish is nearly full, with cheese on top. Pour over this enough milk to cover well, sprinkle the top with pepper and salt and dot with little pieces of butter. Bake in a quick oven twenty minutes.

(2) In a fry pan brown one cupful of finely chopped beef in one tablespoonful of melted butter; to this add one cupful of tomatoes that have been put through a sieve. Then add two cupfuls of cold rice, season highly with salt and pepper and serve very hot.

(3) One cupful of cold rice, one cupful of finely chopped beef or ham. Salt and pepper to taste. Beat one egg and add to it one tablespoonful of milk. Pour this over the meal and rice to bind them together. If too dry, add a little milk. Dip out a spoonful of the mixture at a time roll in cracker crumbs and fry in enough lard and butter mixed to crisp on both sides.

Dried Beef With Macaroni.

Break macaroni in one-inch pieces; there should be three-fourths cupful Cook in boiling salted water until soft drain in colander and pour over one quart cold water to prevent pieces from adhering. Remove skin from one-fourth pound of thinly sliced smoked dried beef and separate in pieces, cover with hot water and let stand ten minutes, then drain and arrange alternate layers of macaroni and beef in a buttered baking dish, having two of each. Pour over two cupfuls white sauce, cover with three-fourths cupful buttered cracker crumbs, and bake in hot oven until crumbs are brown. You could also soak as above, then frizzle in a tablespoonful of butter, and add to poached eggs.

Beans for Two.

Soak two cupfuls of California pea beans in two quarts of water, say, the night before using. Next morning have your beanpot ready; first put into the bottom half teaspoonful of mustard and a big tablespoonful of molasses. If you like brown sugar better, why use that instead and slice of onion if liked. Pour your beans into the pot, fill up with warm water, then add your quarter of a pound to three quarters of salt pork. Cover over and set in oven for six hours. You will have to look at them once in a while to see if water has given out.

Scotch Puffs.

Put in a saucepan a teacup of water, one tablespoonful of sugar, half a teaspoonful of salt and a tablespoonful of butter. When boiling add sufficient cream of barley to make it leave the sides of saucepan. Stir in one by one the yolks of four eggs. Drop a teaspoonful of this at a time in boiling lard. Fry to a light brown. Serve with sirup or honey. These puffs are highly nutritious for children, having the elements to make blood, bone and muscle.

Peach Bread Pudding.

On a pint of stale breadcrumbs pour boiling water to moisten and stir in a tablespoonful of butter, add two well-beaten eggs and half a cupful of sugar. Butter a pudding dish, then put a layer of butter and a layer of fresh or canned peaches and sprinkle with pulverized sugar, and so on until the dish is full, batter on top. Bake in good oven for about an hour and serve with sweetened cream or any other plain sauce.

Spanish Potatoes.

This dish is achieved by adding cream, butter and seasoning to mashed potatoes and then mixing with some canned pimientos cut small and forced through a puree strainer. The whole should be well blended then reheated and diled on serving dish.

WITH PEANUT FLAVOR

DISHES THAT WILL APPEAL TO THOSE WHO LIKE THE TASTE.

Excellent as an Addition to Whole Wheat Bread—For Biscuits and Sandwiches—Method of Serving with Tomatoes.

Whole Wheat Nut Loaf.—Two cupfuls whole wheat flour, one cupful white flour, two heaping teaspoonfuls baking powder, one-half teaspoonful salt, two tablespoonfuls sugar, one half cupful chopped peanuts, three tablespoonfuls melted butter, one and one-half cupfuls sweet milk. Mix all the dry ingredients together, including the peanuts, add the milk and mix thoroughly, lastly the melted butter and beat well. Bake in two shallow tins, or in gem pans, for one-half hour in a moderate oven.

For an ordinary nut loaf, mix into the sponge for two loaves of bread one cupful of finely ground peanuts just before adding the sponge to the flour, and work as other bread.

Peanut Biscuit.—One quart flour three heaping teaspoonfuls baking powder, one-half teaspoonful salt, one quarter cupful sugar, one-half cupful ground peanuts, one-half cupful sweet milk, one-quarter pound butter, three eggs. Sift together the dry ingredients and rub in the butter. Then mix in the peanuts thoroughly, also with the hands. Beat the eggs, add to them the milk and mix into the flour, adding more milk if needed to make a soft dough. Roll out, cut and bake like ordinary biscuit.

Sweet Peanut Sandwiches.—One-half cupful grated maple sugar (or very light brown sugar will answer), one quarter cupful finely chopped peanuts one tablespoonful rich sweet milk. Mix well and spread between thin slices of graham bread or between crackers.

Scalloped Tomatoes With Peanut.—Two cupfuls canned tomatoes, two cupfuls breadcrumbs, two tablespoonfuls butter, one-half cupful finely chopped peanuts, one teaspoonful salt a little pepper. Mix nuts, crumbs and seasoning with the melted butter. Put a layer in bottom of pudding pan, then half the tomatoes, another layer of crumbs, the rest of the tomatoes, and over the top the balance of the nut and crumb mixture. Bake in a quick oven until brown and serve hot.—Woman's World.

Lemon Tarts.

Mix well together the juice and grated rind of two lemons, two cupfuls of sugar, two eggs and the crumbs of sponge cake, beat it all together until smooth, put into 12 pattypans lined with puffpaste and bake until the crust is done.

When You Boil Cabbage.

When boiling cabbage try placing a small vessel of vinegar on the back of the stove. The odor of the cabbage will not be so unpleasant if this is done.

To Remove Iodine Stains.

If iodine is spilled on linen or cotton, pour boiling hot starch over stain. Repeat twice within an hour, and the stain will disappear.—Mother's Magazine.

To Remove Finger Marks.

It is easy to remove finger marks from woodwork by applying a clean cloth dipped in kerosene. Then wipe with a cloth wrung out of hot water

Read the Messenger.

The protracted meeting at the Baptist church closed Sunday night. There were 143 conversions and sixty-eight additions to the church. The pastor, Rev. Thompson, has already baptised fifty-three and will baptise five others Sunday.—Chico Review.

Paint Now

If your property needs it, don't wait.

There are two parts of a job: the paint and the work; the work is more than the paint.

The cost of the paint is about two-fifths; the work is three-fifths.

Paint won't come down in a hurry; too many jobs put off.

Men are waiting for \$2 or \$3; they don't know it; they think they are waiting for \$20 or \$25.

Why don't men use their heads?

DEVORE
Decatur Drug Co. sells it.

MONEY TO LOAN.—Applications received for loans from \$100 to \$10,000, on improved and unimproved town property and farm lands. Interest 8 per cent straight. Interest payable annually or semi-annually. Time one to ten years. Applicants for loans will please give description, location, and valuation of property offered as security for loan. State improvements and valuation of same.

WE WANT County representatives to receive applications for loans, appraise property, and serve as our exclusive representative. Attorney or real estate man preferred. Applicants for loans, and applicants for agencies positively required to furnish at least two character references and forward postage, five 2 cent stamps, for application blanks, full particulars, and prompt reply. Write Southern Office, Southeastern Mortgage (Loan Ass'n., Fourth Nat'l Bank Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. (66)

Get This Tip

This year is to see the greatest demand and the highest prices for all Food Stuffs the world has ever known. America must not only feed herself. **SHE MUST FEED THE WORLD!** The big money crops will be Corn, Potatoes, Onions.

Forecaster Foster says 1915 will be an ideal year for the growing of corn in all cotton states. It will not be so favorable for cotton on account of the unusual rainfall predicted between February 20th and Aug. 17th.

To bank the biggest profits we must get out of the well-worn on crop reut and harken to the call for food-stuffs.

The seed listed below are all from the most reliable people in the seed business in the United States. You are not experimenting when you plant any of them. If you do not see the kind you want here remember we have a full line of garden and field seed and can meet your requirements.

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Handel's Big Earnings.

Handel made more money from his works than any composer before his time. For a "Te Deum" and a "Jubilate," written to celebrate the treaty of Utrecht, he was awarded a pension of £200 a year. This was doubled by George I. soon after his accession and confirmed by George II., so that Handel drew the pension until his death in 1759. Altogether for these two compositions Handel received £18,800. Although he lost thousands of pounds running opera at Covent Garden, Handel died worth £20,000—a sum, allowing for the difference in the value of money, equal to £60,000 nowadays.—London Mail.

Quick Action Wanted

When one is coughing and spitting—with tickling throat, tightness in chest, soreness in throat and lungs—when head is aching and the whole body racked with a cough that won't permit sleep—he wants immediate relief. Thousands say Foley's Tar Compound is the quickest and surest acting medicine for coughs, colds, croup and lagrippe. HILL DRUG CO.

COMPENSATION.

The whole story of earthly existence is one of compensations. Many a gift we craved and were denied held in its train ills we are glad to have been spared. Many a sorrow that has darkened our way, though its memory may still remain bitter, has wrought some change of character or conditions that we would be unwilling to give up.

Unprejudiced.

Mike McGinnis was being examined for jury duty in a murder trial. "Mr. McGinnis," asked the judge, "have you formed or expressed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the prisoner at the bar?" "No, sir," replied Mike. "Have you any conscientious scruples against capital punishment?" "Not in this case, your honor," Mike replied.—Success Magazine.

W. T. Azbell, ex-postmaster of Edwardsport, Ind., writes, "I suffered from severe trouble with my kidneys and back. First bottle of Foley Kidney Pills gave me relief." Thousands testify that backache, rheumatism, sore muscles, aching joints and bladder weakness vanished when Foley Kidney Pills were taken. HILL DRUG CO.

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Confessions of a Mail Order Man

By Mr. M. O. X.

Revelations by One Whose Experience in the Business Covers a Range From Office Boy to General Manager

FAIL TO SUBSIDIZE THE COUNTRY EDITOR.

In waging a campaign for increased mail order business I wanted the country press on my side. I wanted to get more kind words into the columns of the small newspapers and country weeklies because I realized then, as I do now, the power of the country press and the great value it possesses to present a claim for preference before the people of the community.

I outlined a plan to whip the country newspapers into line and arranged for them to carry my advertising matter as well as to persuade them to give me free reading notices and editorials, telling what a great help and comfort the mail order houses were to the people of the country.

It was nothing more nor less than bribery. I believed that I could get the editors of the country newspapers to be false to their home interests and foster ours, for a price I had the money to pay them and I thought lots of dollars could do the work easily and readily.

I worked months over that campaign. I prepared an electrotyped advertisement in which I advised the use of the mail order medium and urged the readers of each newspaper to send into the big cities for the catalogue. I prepared sheets of "press notices" and editorials, with elaborate and plain instructions for their use. I was going to convert the people of the whole country to mail order buying.

I expected to spend thousands of dollars during the course of the next few years, but it would be worth it, if I obtained the results. I was after the people's dollars.

A strong form letter was prepared as the first step, this letter to be sent out to the editors of the country newspapers. From advertising agencies and from various other sources I compiled a list of something like 19,000 newspapers, all of which were published in small towns. I was already fixed with the big daily newspapers. The only trouble was I couldn't somehow or another fix it with the country newspaper.

The letter read something like this:

To the Editor:

Dear Sir—You are publishing a newspaper for business reasons—not for your health.

You find it difficult to obtain adequate support from the merchants in your town. They do not appreciate the value of your newspaper as an advertising medium.

We know that you are printing a live newspaper in your community and that you are entitled to more support than you are receiving.

The postal laws, under which you enjoy the privileges of second class postage for mailing your newspaper, require you to accept all legitimate advertising offered at your rates.

Enclosed please find a contract for advertising to the amount of dollars. Please sign it and return to us and we will forward electrotypes of advertisements to be run together with instructions.

In giving you this business it is but natural that we shall expect you to run, each week, the reading notices and editorials sent herewith.

Very truly yours,

BLANK ADVERTISING AGENCY.

Yes, it was a great scheme. I expected to swamp the country with sugared editorials and splendid notices about the mail order business. I cheerfully anticipated that I would put the country merchants out of business. I even went so far as to figure out a plan for taking advantage of the conditions of business depression that would inevitably follow such a sweeping fall in values and considered the organization of some sort of a land trust to buy up the richest farms and most desirable town property in the communities where the policy would work out the quickest. I was becoming a multi-millionaire without delay.

But I experienced the most astonishing disappointment of my life. The plan, so well considered, so carefully planned, so craftily laid out, was an absolute fizzle.

Why? It was the perversity of the newspaper editor. He would not be bought, he would not be bribed, he would not be cajoled or threatened.

In reading the preceding letter you have noted the "bunk" and the jolly, followed by the appeal to his business instincts and then the covert threat about the postal laws. Yes, the plan was well laid.

But who can delve into the soul of the man who will spend his days and nights in running a country newspaper in a community that will not give adequate support? Who can fathom the motives of a man who hustles all the time to boost his home town, but who has difficulty at times in collecting the subscriptions to his paper and who fails to obtain more than a grudging pittance in advertising from the merchants in his town?

I could not understand it. I believed that every newspaper editor would be overjoyed to receive real money to the amount of many dollars each week, merely for printing the advertising copy and, of course, the few paragraphs in the way of reading notices and editorials, which I thought he would like to have with which to fill up his paper.

And the answers. Whew! What a storm!

One would imagine from the an-

swers I received in response to my courteous invitation to take money from the mail order houses that the country editors were wealthy and all rode in their own automobiles.

Indignation, reproach, invective, wrath, disdain.

They did not want the money. They were poor, but proud. They would not be bribed. They would not print the fulsome and false boasts which I had forwarded with the contract to be signed. They would stand by their home town. They would be loyal to the community in which they lived. They would preserve their fealty to the local merchants. They would stand by their subscribers and would not prostitute the columns of their newspapers to inveigle the people in their community to send their money to my mail order house.

I haven't recovered from my astonishment yet. To think that the poorest paid and hardest worked men in every community should decline a good business proposition out of sentiment. I couldn't understand it.

And even yet I insist that was the most chivalrous act, taken with perfect accord by thousands of men scattered all over the country, that I have known of. Honest and loyal to their home communities I could not fail to admire their disinterestedness while deploring that a great scheme had failed of accomplishment.

What was their recompense? Did the merchants in their home towns spring to the support of those newspapers as a reward for their declination to introduce competition. I don't know. Ask the editor.

Of course, this plan failing it was necessary for my success to evolve a new plan. I must get into close touch with the people in the country. I had my appropriation of thousands of dollars, and more, so I worked out another plan.

I'm not going to tell you just what it was, but if you will remember that a few years ago there was a great flock of mail order journals flying all over the country—probably every reader of this article has received many copies, samples and otherwise—you can guess what became of thousands of dollars.

Here's something that the business men in every small city should give a careful thought to. Perhaps you do not know it, and perhaps you never heard of it. I give the tale out of admiration for a good enemy, a good and a fair fighter. There is nothing in the story for me to be proud of, because I was the loser.

But you business men in the small towns were the gainers. It was worth millions of dollars to you. It is worth millions to you every year.

What did the newspaper editor get for this service to the business men of the community? Ask him.

If he had rendered a similar service for my mail order house he would have been handed a pocketful of advertising contracts that would have made his newspaper a very profitable business indeed. It would have been worth it.

What did the business men of his home town do for him after he had chased the mail order magazine competition away?

Ask the newspaper editor in your town.

Reforming a Chief.

In "Among the Primitive Bakongo" Mr. John H. Weeks tells the story of a chief, Mampuya of Kinkuzu, who called on him at Wathen station to request that a teacher be sent to his town. He seemed a very quiet gentlemanly sort of a man, says Mr. Weeks, and I was very much surprised to hear that he had not always been so deferential and modest.

Mampuya at one time treated the people of his town in very contemptuous fashion, and was always extorting, on one plea or another, fowls, goats, and other goods from them. At last they could bear his extortions no longer, and so they bound him securely, put him on a shelf in his own house, built a fire under him, and sprinkled a quantity of red pepper on it. Then they went out, and shut the door closely behind them. The pungent smoke filled the hut, and Mampuya sneezed tremendously. He would have died if there had been a little more pepper on the fire. At last they took him out of the smoke, and tied a stick across his chest to his extended arms with the intention of punishing him still further; but they let him off on payment of a fine and many promises of better behavior—which promises he has scrupulously kept.

Price of Democracy.

The price that Harold pays for democracy is in a slovenliness of speech which I find offensive and Emmeline finds utterly distracting. It seems a pity to have his school drill in phonetics and the memorizing of good literature vitiated by the slurred and clipped syllables of the street. Harold says, "It is me," and frequently he says, "It is nuttin'." The final g of the participle has virtually disappeared from his vocabulary. He sometimes says, "I ain't got nuttin'." While Emmeline is distracted I am merely offended, because I recall that there is a great body of linguistic authority growing up in favor of Harold's democratic practices in phonetics and grammar. When Harold says, "It is me," Professor Lunsbury should worry. By the time Harold grows up it will probably be good grammar to say, "I ain't got nothing." By the time Harold grows up, the Decalogue, in its latest recension, will read, "Thou shalt not have none other gods before I," and, "Thou shalt not bear no false witness against none of thy neighbors."—Simeon Strunsky, in Atlantic.

REFORMING MOTHER

By HAROLD CARTER.

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People say it's all right for children to love their father better than their mother. I don't know whether that's so, and of course we are very fond of mother. But father is simply a dear!

He understands everything before we begin to tell him about it, whereas mother is a little—I hate to write the word, but it's naggy. Of course she has had a lot of trouble, and a big family to take care of, consisting of me and Gladys and Emery and Charles and Dorothy. So, as father says we must be patient with her.

Mother was forty last month, and we had a family council to decide what to give her. We gave her a pillow-sham for the morris chair she gave father when he was forty, and when we had decided that we began to take stock of things.

"Let me in on it, kids!" he said.

"What's the conspiracy?" Dorothy told it. Dorothy is father's favorite, though he denies it.

"So you're trying to reform mother, are you?" asked father, looking quite serious.

"She's becoming a perfectly dreadful nagger, you know," Charles explained.

"Of course mother doesn't mean anything," I said, "but it does seem, father, as though something drastic ought to be done, just to show her."

I had just finished speaking when black Tom Woolley went up the street.

Tom is the funniest colored man in Winston. He laughs for five minutes when he begins, and it isn't possible to help laughing too when you hear him.

"Children, I have an idea," said father. "Suppose mother were a little upset, and heard Tom laughing—what do you say?"

Emery caught on at once. "But you can't keep Tom hidden in the house ready to laugh whenever mother gets fretful," he said.

"No," admitted father, "but what about that old phonograph that we've all grown tired of? We might put it in the table leg."

"I'll give Tom a quarter to laugh into the machine," said father, "and the next time mother gets fretful I'll start the machine under the table. I can get Willis to put on an attachment so that the pressure of the knee will start it."

And now I must come to the denouement. It was dinner the following Sunday, and mother was a little upset on account of the way things were going.

"To think of that Bohemian horseradish running all to leaves!" she said. "What's the use of getting seeds and roots which won't grow, Adolphus?" (that's father). "Next time I do wish you would go to a better seedsman."

Father sat perfectly silent, and nobody dared to look at him, but I saw him reach under the table and knew that he was opening the stand.

"Beef without horseradish isn't tasty, to my mind," said mother. "And that reminds me, the butcher isn't giving us full weight. For the matter of that, all the tradesmen round here think they are privileged to cheat us. The coal is simply gravel and grits. If only you'd shake them up, Adolphus, instead of sitting there and smiling—"

"Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho!" laughed black Tom's voice, and mother almost jumped out of her chair.

"Adolphus!" she gasped. "There's that Tom Woolley! Where is he? It sounded in this room!"

"Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!" chuckled Tom Woolley.

Mother cast one glance at our mirth-convinced faces and got up out of her chair indignantly. She looked behind the curtains, in the kitchen, and in the parlor. All the while Tom Woolley's voice went on laughing, and before mother came back father had managed to wind the phonograph again.

"Adolphus!" said mother, "where is he? What is the meaning of this outrage?"

"Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho!" roared Tom, and this time none of us could restrain himself any longer. We put our heads down upon the dining table and flopped feebly, as we tried not to suffocate. And father was laughing loudest of all.

"It seems to come from underneath the table!" gasped mother. She raised the tablecloth, and father wasn't quick enough. Mother saw his knee pressing the attachment that Willis had put on, and inside the table stand she saw the phonograph.

"This is an outrage, Adolphus!" she said, addressing father sternly.

"Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!" roared Tom Woolley.

Mother looked once more on our purple faces, and then she flung herself down in her chair and buried her face in her hands, and gave way to her feelings.

Tom stopped when the mechanism ran down.

Mother raised her face, and the tears were streaming down her cheeks. But it was with laughter.

"Adolphus," she gasped, "I never—never heard anything so amusing in my life."

But somehow we all knew that she understood. And Emery said he heard her tell father afterward that she guessed she understood. Anyway, she's a reformed character now, and we like her and father equally.

Buy From Those Who Buy from You

If You Buy from Those Who Buy from You You have a Chance to get, at least, Part of your money back

TO PATRONIZE the mail order house is sending your money where there is never an opportunity for any of it to be returned to you. A farmer buys goods from the grocery man, the grocery man from the coal dealer, the coal dealer from the dry goods man, the dry goods man buys from the hardware merchant, the hardware man buys from the farmer. So the money goes round and around, paying debts and buying necessities or luxuries. But, should somebody break the chain by sending the money off to a mail order house, the money is gone out of local circulation and we never get a chance at it any more. The entire community is injured by this. We can take the cash and buy the same grade of merchandise from our local merchant at the same price that we can buy it for from the mail order house. Any real difference in price will be caused by a difference in the quality of the article purchased. Try it and be convinced. Another thing in favor of home buying is that you get what you buy at once and see exactly what you are getting. No money order to buy, paying postage two ways and bothering about writing for it.

We have the nicest lot of shelf hardware ever brought to Decatur and will sell it at hardtime prices.

Leather goods are advancing every day. You had better buy now, if you need any, while you can get them cheaper than you ever can again. If the war lasts long you will soon have to pay double what you can buy the same goods for now.

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SPENCER FOR SPEAKER.

R. F. Spencer of Wise county is the choice of a group of members for speaker of the next house, according to Woodville Rogers of Collin county. Talk of the speakership race two years hence is already becoming somewhat general, and Mr. Rogers says it might as well be understood right now that a bunch of the young members have picked Mr. Spencer "and are absolutely confident of electing him speaker of the thirty-fifth."—Austin Cor. Dallas News.

I'd rather be wrong than president of Mexico.

A hog in the pen is better than one in the family.

The less you spread it, the less you'll have to take back.

March 10 is state-wide clean-up day. Decatur should observe the day.

When you put the gloves on with Old Man Habit, it will not be a one-round affair.

The emergency is passing, yet, a bale or two of the funds could be used profitably.

A Temple, Texas, subscriber states, "The Messenger is the best edited weekly paper in Texas."

The women's clubs of a certain town have combined to suppress the spread of scandal. Next?

There's entirely too many poor folks supportin' lodges instead of their families.—Abe Martin.

Speak a good word for Delightful Decatur and Wonderful Wise. In the meantime, say something nice about your neighbor.

The handsome dividends declared by the northern mail-order houses are growing by leaps and bounds as the crops of suckers mature.

A report is brewing to the effect that Earl B. Mayfield is entertaining hopes of a gubernatorial boom. Earl B. is most ambitious, 'tis said.

That \$75 worth of "chicken salad" has cost the tax payers more than ten times the original cost of the stuff, with \$1,000 more of "oratory" to come.

A number of women fainted when they saw the new fashions displayed at the Dallas style show this week. It's a darn good thing the men were made of sterner stuff.

We believe it was O. M. Roberts who stated that "Civilization begins and ends with the plow." Numerous politicians have used the implement to plow a furrow to official power.

Montague, Denton and Tarrant commissioners receive much better salaries than Wise county commissioners. Montague, Denton and Tarrant counties have better roads than Wise county.

"Your editorial in last week's Messenger, on the Brown murder and that Dallas negro who was killed by police officers, had the right ring to it. There was sound meat in your statement. It's about that way."—Hon. Tom J. McMurray.

When the American manufacturers of gunpowder and shooting irons are prohibited from supplying the warring factions in Europe, peace will follow. Of course the makers of gunpowder and shooting irons are powerful people and have tremendous pals with the government.

Some of the preachers and pastors of the country are criticising Billy Sunday for accepting the huge contributions showered on him at his big meetings. We are strong for Billy, and we hold to the opinion that in saving the souls of devilish and depraved republicans in the east,

he is performing a work second only to the miracles worked by the Man of Galilee. Billy should be paid handsomely.

Platform demands count very little in the work of the average Texas legislature. If privileged to pose and prate occasionally about his patriotism and pride, and keep the machinery working to keep him in office—the average "spellbinder" in Austin forgets the platform and such things. Not two per cent of the present membership of the Texas house would suffer a "financial loss" if the pay for law making was cut to \$1.75 per day.

If we were commanding that bunch of peasants, styled Russian armies in the European war dispatches, there would be a different tale wirelessly to Mars. Instead of advancing and retreating, losing a corps here and an army there, we'd fall back "doggedly" (the word is from Hugo) until we had the Germans 'way up in the wilds of that God-forsaken domain that is ruled and ruined by Nick. Then we'd pull the stunt that put the "Little Corporal" on the hummer 'way back yonder when empires rocked and crown heads were passing sleepless nights and eating at irregular hours. The powers that be and make war in the land of the bear have not made their solicitations strong enough for us to surrender the pleasure and profits accruing to an editor of a paper of Messenger's standing, so, the chances are something like ten to one the Germans will continue to win and wipe-up in their contests with the Russians.

THE WRONG WAY OUT.

"I have tried and failed. This is the best way out," declared a Tennessee business man the other day as he prepared to take his life. Business and domestic troubles, the old story of weakness and a lack of character made death inviting. The man was glad to leave his troubles behind him and depart voluntarily for the unknown.

The story of suicide is usually the same. When all the blandishments of life are gone the coward sneaks to death. The brave man lives on.

More than one mental and moral coward, face to face with financial ruin has shown the white feather. He has slipped away from it all leaving family and friends to grieve over his cowardice and lack of confidence.

The great Napoleon had a fine contempt for a moral coward. He had a greater contempt for suicide. "Suicide is a crime," he declared, "and the most revolting to the feelings; nor does any reason suggest itself to our understanding by which it can be justified. It certainly originates in that species of fear which we dominate poltroonery. For what claim can that man have to courage who trembles at the frowns of fortune. True heroism consists in being superior to the ills of life, whatever shape they may challenge him to combat."

Here are words of wisdom. Every man who is a man has a great contempt for a quitter. To die in order to avoid any thing that is evil or disagreeable is not in keeping with what should be the actions of a brave man. It bears all of the well known earmarks of a coward who shuns the trials and crosses of life. The business man who was too cowardly to face his financial reverses and who thought that suicide was the best way out of it all was wrong. He selected the worse way out.

Suicide may be a confession of guilt, unless committed by one mentally irresponsible. Suicide is always a confession of failure. The person in trouble, whether brought on by his own folly or through the fault of others should be brave enough and big enough to face the music.

When a widow tries to flirt with a married man all the other women in town are anxious to drop in and sympathize with his wife.

A man must either make way for himself or get out of the way of others.

HOW'S YOUR SYSTEM

IS EVERY ORGAN PERFORMING ITS DUTY

Are you thin and pale and just dragging yourself around? Are you dried up, and cough a little and half dead all the time? What you need is a good cod liver tonic. We have one and you cant taste the disagreeable oil either. It is a real essence of the livers of matured cod-fish, too. No one has ever made tonic better than REXALL Wine of Cod Liver Extract. Like all Rexall remedies, your money back if you want it.

Decatur Drug Company SOLE AGENTS
Decatur, Texas

Jack Johnson, the negro prize fighter, is high and dry in Cuba. He feared to undertake a landing in Mexico, where he had a date to meet a white bruiser. Johnson is wanted in this country for doing damage to the Mann white slave law, and it had been reported that Carranza followers were on the look-out for the Big Smoke. If captured he was to be turned over to the United States authorities. Mrs. Johnson, a white she, should be taken in tow and brought back to her Chicago home. While the Messenger believes that nothing short of a miracle by the unseen hand of God could raise this being to the level of total depravity, yet the sight of her and the story of her life with Johnson would have a quieting effect upon other Chicagoans of the she persuasion who may be entertaining hankerings to do violence to decency and humanity.

The more money a man has the less he worries about what people think of him.

Messenger is in receipt of a communication from the headquarters of Carranza. Villa is given unshirred shades in the communication. Every thing pertaining to the Carranza government is pictured as blessings to the down trodden of Mexico. In reply to the letter the Messenger will say that we are for the fellow, prince or peon, who can bring the revolutions to a halt and peace and plenty to a burndened people. Carranza, Villa and others of their stripe should quit Mexico and allow some patriot of and for the plain people to come upon the stage. Wars and rumors of war have brought wreck and ruin to Mexico and her people.

Yesterday morning Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald's picture came near falling off the editorial page of the Record. When the paper reached us, the picture was all askew and nearly butting the type lines out of the column. Be careful, Record. Let not ill befall that physiognomy of Fitz. We could never get along without it.

Postmaster General Burleson has appointed A. L. Banks to the position of postmaster of Denton. Among the applicants for the place was W. C. Edwards, editor of the Denton Record-Chronicle, a man who has fought in the democratic ranks since he reached his majority; a public spirited man at all times, and one who has done much good for the advancement of Denton's biggest and best interests. Edwards is one of the most prominent and best liked men in Texas. His editorial work for the Wilson ticket, Edwards during the campaign being president of the Texas press association, was telling—yet, Mr. Albert Burleson, p. m. general and high priest of the department, ruled that Mr. Banks, who was a boyhood friend of his, should have the place. Edwards had the "pulling powers" of Cone Johnson, T. L. Campbell, Congressman Stephens and a large number of the most prominent men of Denton and Denton county, to say nothing of the state's most influential newspaper men; all of which was nil, when the p. m. general took the matter into his own hands and rewarded his "boyhood" friend, a man, probably not known by half the town's citizens.

Miss Thelma Etter, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Etter of Anneville community, died Sunday after an illness of about eight weeks. Miss Thelma had just bloomed into young womanhood, being fifteen years of age.—Boyd Index.

A Texas Wonder

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonial. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St. est. St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

BOTH FOOD AND RELISH

GREEN PEPPERS SHOULD ALWAYS BE ON MENU.

Many Combinations in Which They May Be Employed—Stuffed With Beef, Veal, Chicken or Fish They Are Delicious.

Green peppers are used with equal success as a decoration and as a foundation. There are numberless combinations that may be worked out with peppers, and they should be used in some form every day during the season.

A pepper relish may be made by chopping the peppers quite fine, either alone or with cucumbers, onions or green tomatoes. After being seeded and all scalded the chopped peppers are salted very slightly and covered with boiling vinegar. A little horse-radish may be added.

To make pepper vegetable hash run through a food chopper sufficient cold boiled potatoes and uncooked seeded peppers to make three-quarters of a pint each. Add a quarter of a pint of chopped onion and the pepper juice. Mix and season with salt. Melt two tablespoonfuls of butter in a frying pan, then two tablespoonfuls of milk or stock. Cook until browned on one side, then turn it over like an omelet and brown on the other side.

Almost anything may be used for filling in peppers. Finely shaved peppers are a good addition to almost any salad, and a particularly good sandwich is made from any sort of coarse flour bread well buttered and with a filling of shaved peppers, over which a little olive oil has been dripped. Peppers are also very good when tried in olive oil and served with beefsteak. They may be mixed with onions and piled around the steak in a covered dish and left to mellow.

Stuffed With Beef.—Take one onion, eight green peppers, one pound of lean raw beef, one egg, one teaspoonful of salt, one-eighth teaspoonful of pepper, one tablespoonful of onion grated or chopped very fine. Cut off the tops of the peppers and remove the seeds. Mix the meat with the egg and the seasoning and fill the peppers with this mixture. Put the onion in the stewpan and just cover with water. Put the peppers in this and stew until they are done.

Stuffed With Veal or Chicken.—Take some large peppers, soak them a few days in salt and water, changing the water constantly to make them less pungent. Cut out the vein that makes them so hot and stuff them with finely chopped veal or chicken seasoned with salt, butter, a little onion and parsley, some sweet herbs and crumbs of bread. Stuff the peppers and fry in butter. Serve with a rich gravy.

Stuffed With Salmon.—Cut the stem end from green peppers and scoop out the seeds. Make a salad with one can of salmon, one teaspoonful of pepper seeds, one cupful of chopped celery and sweet pickles. Mix with thick mayonnaise. Stuff the pepper shells and serve on lettuce leaves. A stuffed olive or piece of parsley may be tucked in the end of the pepper as a garnish.

Stuffed With Oysters.—Remove the stems and seeds from six green peppers. Parboil twenty-five oysters in their own liquor and season with salt. Chop fine half of a large pepper and one very small onion, and fry in butter. Mix the fried pepper and onion and oysters together, and add bread crumbs until the stuffing is of suitable consistency. Stuff the peppers dot with butter and bake until brown. These may be served with tomato sauce or with cream sauce.

Baking Powder Biscuits.

Three cupfuls of flour, one teaspoonful salt and one of sugar and four teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Mix dry ingredients thoroughly, then work in well one heaping tablespoonful of lard. Mix, not too soft, with milk; shape with the hands, put into pan and bake 20 to 30 minutes in quick oven.

Keeping Scissors Handy.

A colored ribbon tied to scissors will save many minutes otherwise spent in looking for them, especially if they are used by children, who forget where they have left them.

A bit of ribbon is always sure to show where scissors are half hidden under sewing or papers.

"Adventures of Kathleen"—weekly.



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Some weeks ago the Messenger made mention of a proposition made the city council by County Commissioner Tibbets, representing the county. This proposition smacks good to the Messenger, and we are of the opinion that the citizens of Decatur will applaud the city council if that body will accept the offer. It was suggested by the court that the city of Decatur and the county share equally the expense of grading the public square.

The gas pipe recently put down to supply the courthouse boiler proved too small for the purpose, so another pipe was put down this week. Judge states that the court yard is to be beautified just as soon as the weather will permit the work to be started.

The Melton & Nash tailoring establishment has moved to the Bell building on the northwest corner of the square, occupying the room recently vacated by the Hopson-Arnesman millinery company.

Pastor Russell's illustrated lectures have held the board at the Majestic several nights this week. Large crowds were in attendance—the show was free—and we understand the pastor has a few followers here. His pictures are beautifully colored and give an interesting story, as advanced by the Russellites, of the world's history from the creation down to the present time. The music furnished by the machine and work of the talking apparatus was good indeed. Owing to the peculiar custom established by a number of patrons of the Majestic of talking and laughing during all picture performances, it became necessary for the operators at the Russell entertainments to frequently use the slide "Please don't talk!" Several times during the run of the reels the representatives in charge of the show were called upon to personally request people in the audience to cease their talking and laughing.

The big 90-foot smokestack at the electric light plant fell Thursday afternoon, while workmen were trying to adjust it on its base.

NEWSPAPERS MAGAZINES

I take subscriptions to any paper or magazine published. This saves you the postage, money order fee and also the trouble of writing for paper.

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NEW DENVER SCHEDULE	
NORTH BOUND	SOUTH BOUND
Arrive at Decatur	
No. 3, 11:07 a.m.	No. 8, 5:06 a.m.
No. 7, 12:45 p.m.	No. 4, 5:12 p.m.
Leave — Ft. Worth — Arrive	
No. 3, 9:30 a.m.	No. 8, 6:45 a.m.
No. 7, 11:05 p.m.	No. 4, 6:45 p.m.
Arrive — Denver — Leave	
No. 7, 7:00 a.m.	No. 8, 11:30 p.m.

News of Town and County

LIGHT CRUST.

Lyceum number—March 8.

The Chicago Musical Club—Mar. 8.

Hon. A. D. Rogers was here Sunday.

Get your Dallas News at Hill Drug Company.

Mrs. Will Shults has been visiting near Chico.

Sheriff Mann spent Wednesday in Fort Worth.

H. O. Bowman of Jacksboro, was here Tuesday.

Rev. Will Hand was in Cooke county last Sunday.

Mr. Grogan of Arlington, bought horses here Monday.

A. Y. Leslie was here from Alvord Monday on business.

T. A. Vandiver spent last week with relatives in Fort Worth.

Dr. S. A. Hefflin of Walters, Okla., has been here this week.

Ernest Heathington was here this week from Burkburnett.

Mrs. Zack Lillard has returned from a visit to Mineral Wells.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gentry, on Friday, Feb. 26, 1915, a son.

Dave Dickson and wife spent Saturday and Sunday in Fort Worth.

Mrs. G. F. Volkman of Alvord, has been visiting the family of Neil Volkman.

Peanuts have proven the best hog feed. Get seed at Jas. McCarter's.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cartwright, on Saturday, Feb. 20, 1915, a son.

Mrs. Elmer Clark and children of Vernon, are visiting the family of J. H. Morris.

Don't fail to see the closing episode of The Perils of Pauline tonight, Friday.

The teachers' examination will be held in Decatur on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 1-3.

Fresh vegetables every day in the week. Phone in your order. Collins Grocery Co.

Drs. A. Q. Gentry, Joe Gose and Clarence Byrd were here Tuesday from Alvord.

Johnson grass hay and baled oats for sale by Helm, Ward & Dillehay.

M. C. Eldson left Sunday for Commerce, where he goes to take part in a Friar meeting.

Don't fail to plant a peanut crop this year. Get the seed from McCarter grocery.

Raymond Barber and Mrs. Mollie Messer of Bridgeport, have been issued marriage license.

Jut received a complete line of Reach's baseball goods.

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The Sweetwater public school closes today after a very successful session under Supt. Bradford and Miss Eva Leslie.

First class Spanish seed peanuts for sale at McCarter grocery.

Miss Eunice Edwards has returned to her home in Winnewood, Okla., after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Dave Dickson.

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Dr. Chas. B. Simmons was here from Fort Worth Monday attending the meeting of the Wise County Medical society.

R. E. Watkins was here this week enroute to his home in New York, after attending the racing seasons at Charleston and New Orleans.

Good 14-inch steel beam middle busters: \$10.98 as long as they last. Lillard & Co.

A meeting of the volunteer fire department is called for at the courthouse, this, Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

Car service to Fort Worth, any time: \$2.50 round trip when four passengers are taken. Smith Auto & Transfer Co. South Trinity street, phones, Ind. 69, Southwestern 24.

Misses Montgomery have closed their dress-making parlors on the west side of the square and they will return to Mineral Wells.

There is danger in that old germ laden paper on your walls. Better cover them up with some nice, new paper, say 15c or 20c a bolt; \$1.50 or \$2.00 per room if you buy them at Gunn's.

The weather permitting the Chico high school basketball team comes here this afternoon to play the local high school team on the college court.

"Pauline," the long-time favorite on Friday nights at the Majestic, will make her last appearance tonight.

City Attorney L. D. Ratliff left Wednesday for Austin for the purpose of having the attorney general approve the bonds recently voted by the citizens of Decatur.

All good things to eat are kept in sanitary condition at McCarter's grocery. Every article is protected from the dust, and is always clean and fresh. We always carry a complete stock of pure foods.

The Chicago Musical Club, closing Decatur's lyceum course on next Monday evening, presents a pleasing program of instrumental music and song. There are six soloists whose art is equally effective with their hearers.

M. D. Sellars & Co. is selling the "Belle of Wichita," best flour in the state: \$2.00 per sack.

Bridgeport free schools close today. A subscription school will be taught several months. Supt. A. S. Johnson has been re-elected for the next session. Prof. Johnson has been very successful with his school the past year, and the Bridgeport people appreciate his work.

Services at the Methodist church next Sunday: Rev. W. T. Gray, representing our orphanage at Waco, will preach at 11 o'clock; Rev. W. S. Boyd of Nashville, Tenn., will preach at the evening hour.

Scotch Oat Meals. Genuine imported, fifteen shades and colors at Gunns.

Sunday evening at the usual preaching hour the B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the service at the Baptist church. There will be special music by the college orchestra, and a lecture, with stereopticon slides will be given on "Mountain Schools."

We are agents for the Dallas News and Evening Journal. Hill Drug Co.

The Bridgeport high school basketball team came to Decatur Tuesday afternoon and suffered defeat at the hands of the Decatur high team by the score of 57 to 25. Fullingim ran wild for the locals with 14 field goals, For Bridgeport Green and McAfee did good work

Magic Washing stick makes wash day a pleasure. Collins Grocery Co.

An alarm of fire was sent in Wednesday afternoon from the new residence of Bill McDaniel in West Decatur. Mr. McDaniel was just moving into the house, and some of the household goods caught fire in some unknown manner. The flames were extinguished with small damage.

For sale or rent, residence in South Decatur. See E. L. Brandenburg.

J. Preston Terrell, better known to the present day generation of Decatur and Wise county citizens, as "Mr. Ringling," has been visiting friends and relatives in the city during the past week. Ringling has for the past several years conducted a marble yard in Temple and we understand his business has been profitable. No man in this community has more friends than Press Terrell.

Let us help you with that wall paper or paint problem. Estimates cheerfully furnished at Gunns.

There will be given a program for the public at the Oak Grove church tonight, Friday. Select recitations, music and addresses will compose an interesting program. Rev. G. A. Lehnhoff, pastor of the Methodist church, will deliver an address. The public is invited to attend and hear the citizens of that live community furnish an instructive literary and musical entertainment.

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Mr. E. H. Baumgaertner, for the past twenty years or more, owner and manager of the A. P. Hayes jewelry establishment, has turned the business over to Mr. Hayes and moved to the First National bank, where he will take up the duties of active vice president of the bank. Mr. Baumgaertner is one of the principle stockholders in the First National and for the past two years has been its first vice president.

If you want good, cheap shoe work done go to McBroon's; all kinds of repairs. Satisfaction guaranteed. —At the O. K. wagon yard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rush were in Fort Worth Sunday, where they went to meet Mrs. A. B. Conley returning from Mineral Wells. Mrs. Conley, mother of Mrs. Rush, has been in bad health for the past several months and recently she went to the Wells, hoping the waters of that resort would restore her health, but we learn the change was not beneficial, and she returns decidedly worse from the trip. She is now in a Fort Worth sanitarium.

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Gus Hughes was here from Bowie Sunday. Gus is managing the opening of the new Perkins-Timberlake store in the Montague county metropolis, and he reported that prospects were bright for a big business. The Perkins-Timberlake new store in Bowie is one of the most complete and up-to-date dry goods establishments to be found on the Denver road, and with the "Red Dress system" of doing business a most prosperous career is predicted.

FREE! Latest suggestions on interior decorations, wall paper, stains, varnishes and enamels at Gunns.

The Chico high school basketball team came to Decatur last Friday night and met defeat, the local high team by 58 to 26. Sharp and E. Keeter were the best workers for the visitors, while Fullingim only threw 18 field goals for the locals, and Standley rufg ten baskets. The county inter-scholastic basketball championship now lies between Decatur and Chico, and the three deciding games will be played at Decatur tomorrow, the weather permitting.

Land to trade for cattle, horses and mules. H. H. Halsell.

The Chicago Musical Club, which comes here March 8 as the last number on this season's lyceum course, is beyond question one of the highest class musical productions that has ever been brought to Decatur. Verbal and written recommendations place this concert as worthy of the patronage of any American city. While the music is such as to meet demands of the most exacting musical audiences, the program is so arranged and balanced that it is appreciated by those less critical.

If you contemplate visiting the great San Francisco exposition, see Miss Leila Mann, who is local representative of Radnor Tours. Literature, rates, etc., will be gladly furnished by Miss Mann.

Mr. C. E. Martin, the new official at the First National bank, in company with County Attorney Burch and Assistant Cashier Glen Russell of the First were pleasant callers at the Messenger office Friday afternoon. These gentlemen called to pay their respects to the force and get their copies of the Messenger. Mr. Martin, the new official at the First National, is no stranger to our people, he having visited here from Rhome on several occasions. He is an affable fellow, and is said to be one of the best banking men in this section of the state. Mr. Martin's splendid success at Rhome, where he had charge of the First National bank, won him favor with the Waggoner interests and after much persuasion on the part of Messrs. Waggoner and Yarabrough, he was induced to come and take up responsible duties with their splendid institution in Decatur.

Hats cleaned and re-shaped \$1.00. Smith & Hardwick.

The ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian church announce that they will give a dinner on the first Monday in May. While making this announcement for the good ladies of this splendid church organization, the Messenger takes occasion to thank them for a plate of delicious cake sent the force last Monday. Mrs. L. W. Hutcherson brought the cake into the office and told us to eat it with the best wishes of the ladies conducting the dinner. Thanks, ladies, may the next dinner be better attended than

any you have ever given? You deserve the patronage of the people, and when fed on the cake you gave this force, each man, lady and child partaking at the board will be a walking advertisement for your dinners.

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The junior and senior Epworth Leagues had charge of the services at the Methodist church last Sunday night. An appropriate program had been prepared and was carried out with marked precision and skill. Each number was promptly responded to. There were no absentees. The young people were greeted by a fine audience whose rapt attention throughout the evening gave evidence of their interest and pleasure. To mention certain numbers specially would hardly be just to the other. The entire program was good. Special credit is due those who had charge of the arrangements. We are always pleased to give prominence to the work of the young people and the children. Let all join in giving them encouragement. G. A. Lehnhoff, Pastor.

Civic League Disbands

The Civic league ladies have finished their work for the year. They have decided to disband. It would be a good idea for the business men to continue this work. By paying the same amount to some good man that has been paid to the Civic league their work could be carried on. The city has been paying five dollars per month in this work—why not continue paying this five dollars and let it still apply on having the cans hauled off on the last Thursday in each month, as this day is so well established as "tin can" day.

The ladies hope to have some fifty dollars or more lyceum money in the treasury after the last number of the lyceum course is given March 8. This money is to be spent, one-half to apply on rabbit proof fence for the city cemetery and the other half on a playground for the primary children of the public schools.

We should all try to see this number and help swell the fund as much as possible.

Rankin Memorial Fund.

The following persons have contributed to the Rankin Memorial fund, and the way is open to run the list up to \$50:

Grandma Terrell	1.00
Mrs. R. L. Thompson	1.00
W. A. Helm	1.00
W. H. Galloway	1.00
Mrs. Joe Holt	1.00
Arthur Hoyl	1.00
S. M. Gose	1.00
Rev. G. A. Lehnhoff	1.00
Mrs. G. A. Lehnhoff	1.00
Palmore Lehnhoff	1.00
Mrs. E. H. Baumgaertner	1.00
J. H. Cates and wife	1.00
Rev. M. B. Johnston	1.00
W. S. Gilbert	1.00
C. C. Bell	1.00
G. F. Boyd	1.00
Mrs. G. F. Boyd	1.00
Rev. W. S. Boyd	1.00
Mrs. W. W. Williams	1.00
Otis Farrington	1.00
Mrs. T. L. McConnell	1.00
Geo. Neilson	1.00
T. R. Holliday	1.00
Mrs. T. R. Holliday	1.00
Mrs. S. A. Lillard	1.00
L. L. Hoyl	1.00
Mrs. N. E. Young	1.00
Shelby Hoyl	1.00
Mrs. M. E. Gregg	1.00
E. M. Allison	1.00
E. P. Gibson	1.00
Rev. S. C. Riddle and wife	5.00
Mrs. J. A. Renshaw	1.00
Miss Ethel Renshaw	1.00
Mrs. Harry Halsell	1.00
W. A. King	1.00

This is a free will offering in memory of Dr. Rankin to build a hall at Southern Methodist university for poor boys to get cheap board to help them get an education.

The opportunity closes on Easter Sunday. Other names will follow these. G. F. BOYD.

Garden Seeds

Save 50 per cent by buying your seeds at the Nickel Store. 2 pkgs. for 5c. None better.

J. C. DUNAWAY, Prop.

For Sale—Cheap 4-year-old mules, broke to work; good young milch cows, also several farms—on long time and low rate of interest. H. H. HALSELL.

Gloves

Buy the Osborn or Rate Sons glove and get the best. All styles and sizes. At the Nickel Store.

J. C. DUNAWAY, Prop.

FOR SALE—Folding bed with mirror, mattress to fit bed. Bargain. Apply at Messenger office.

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FOR SEED Sweet potatoes, see J. J. ROBINSON, Chico, Texas. (61)

FOR SALE—3 good, young work mules. J. H. MORRIS. (4)

FARMS—For rent or sale, near Decatur. H. H. HALSELL.

REGISTERED DUROC JERSEY hogs for sale by J. W. THOMPSON, Decatur, Texas. (11-14)

FOR SALE—Good jersey cows and calves; young stock; cows are fresh. Bargains. C. B. MECASKEY, route 4, Decatur, Texas.

JACK—For sale or trade: 4 years old; medium size; quality second to none, mules to show. Come and see him. DEE ATKERSON, Decatur, Ind. phone 57. (64)

FOR SALE—Rubber tire, square top, Hines surrey; good condition. G. W. NEILSON. (61)

WANTED—One 3-foot 6-inch second-hand John Deere riding cultivator wheel. W. R. RANSON, Decatur, Tex. Ind. Phone 166.

LEFT—Sunday morning, Feb. 21, on Fort Worth & Denver train, a ladies dark brown fur scarf. If found please notify ALLIE CLEMENT, Rhome, Texas, and receive reward.

EGGS—For hatching at \$1.50 per fifteen or \$8.00 per hundred, from our 200-egg strain White Wyandottes. Baqy chicks, for March, April and May delivery at 15c each or \$12.50 per hundred. Book your order now, without deposit, for eggs or chicks, and we'll deliver them on the date you set. Phone or write. EMORY GOSE, Decatur, Texas. (63)

FOR SALE

Ten shares City National Bank, Decatur, stock at \$200 per share; book value of stock more than \$225 per share. Partly on time if desired. Address JAMES HARRISON, Room 910 State Nat. Bank Bldg., Fort Worth, Texas.

WANTED—Position as housekeeper; widow with two small children. Address, E. C. T., Rt. 2, Decatur, care of F. SLAY.

Notice to Teachers

Every teacher should know exactly how much money remains for his or her school. There will be no over-drafts this year, and of course a teacher teaching longer than the school money lasts will be compelled to teach without pay.

BRANDON TRUSSELL, County Superintendent.

COMBINED ICE HOUSE AND REFRIGERATOR

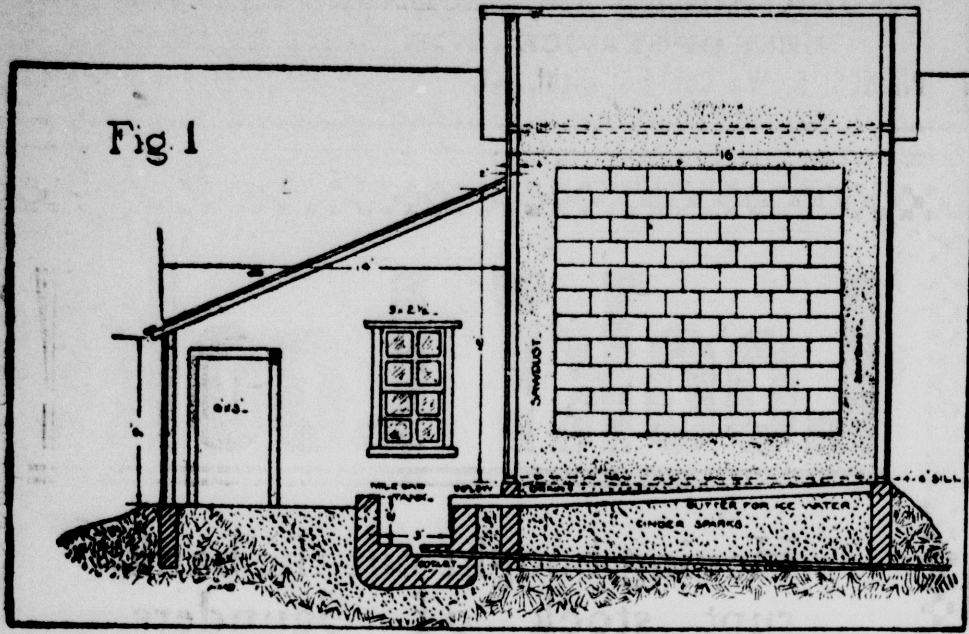


Fig. 1.—Longitudinal Section of a Combined Ice House and Dairy.

(Prepared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

Even where for convenience and economy it is desirable to have the dairy under the same roof as the ice house it is not satisfactory to attempt to combine the ice storage with a cold store. When it is necessary to use ice for chilling milk and other dairy products it is better to remove the ice from the ice house or compartment and place it in a specially constructed ice box or refrigerator, rather than to attempt to maintain a cold room by storing the ice about and in contact with it. The chief argument against the combined arrangement is that it prevents the storage of ice in a solid mass. As a result the waste is much greater. Again, the requirements of the storage room and the refrigerator vary from time to time. Advantage can be taken of these fluctuations to husband the ice supply when the two are separate. There are decided ad-

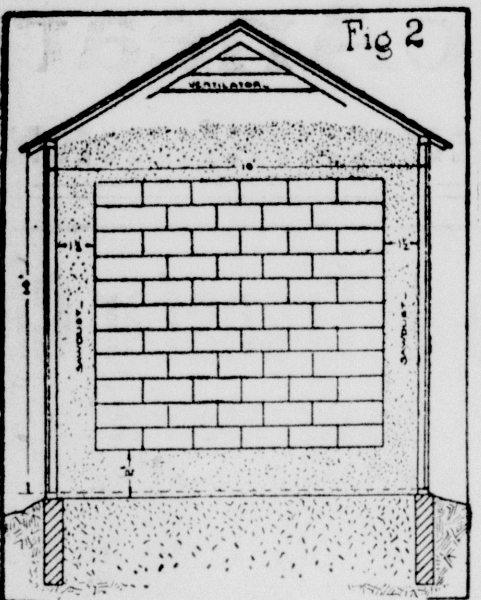


Fig. 2.—Transverse Section of a Combined Ice House and Dairy.

vantages in having the ice supply convenient to the dairy house or refrigerator, but it is poor economy to build the refrigerator or cold store inside the ice storage. The arrangement suggested in figures 1 and 2 is to be preferred.

Where an abundant supply of natural ice can be harvested annually it will be a simple matter to maintain high-class refrigeration by installing a brine-circulating system. The principle on which this patented system works is the same as mechanical refrigeration, except that the cold is secured through a freezing mixture of ice and salt in a tank in which the primary coils are located, as shown at B in figure 3. As the brine in these coils becomes chilled it passes out, through the bottom of the coils and slowly flows through the coils marked C, which are located in the cooling room. The heat of this room is absorbed by these chilled pipes, and as the brine warms up it passes out and

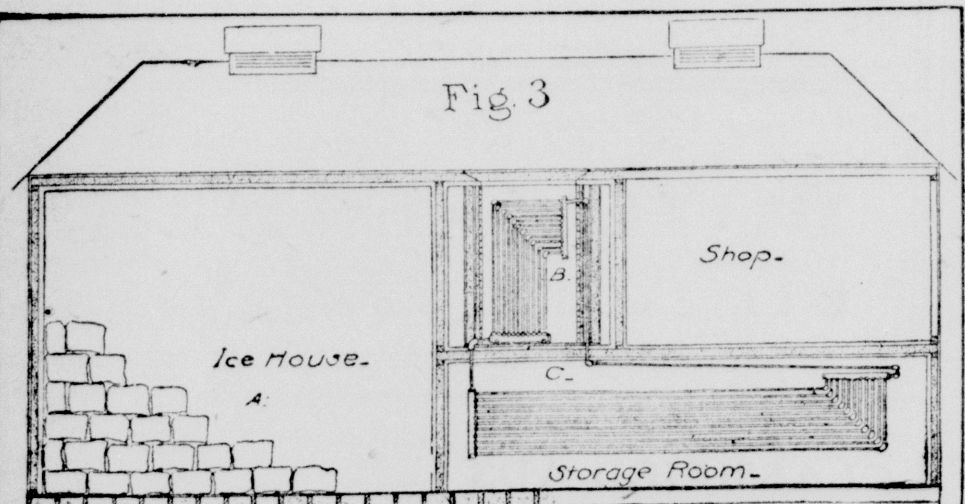


Fig. 3.—Diagram Showing a Combined Ice House and Cold-Storage Plant.

ap into the primary coils, and in this way a continuous circulation is maintained between the two pipe systems.

For convenience, the ice house can be made a part of the structure, so that the ice can be elevated above the storage chamber and directly into the crusher, which can be located in the attic above the primary coils indicated at B. As the drawing shows, the space above the cooling room might be utilized as a farm shop or for a coopersage, if one were to be installed in connection with an apple orchard. It would not be advisable to attempt to install this system without having an experienced engineer calculate the piping necessary for any given storage room as well as the cooling tank. The question of installation is also a very important one, and should be carefully specified.

This construction is adapted to small or to very extensive plants. The department of agriculture used this system in a plant which has been installed at the Arlington experimental

farm. The cooling room in this case is 28 by 30 feet with eight-foot ceilings. Sufficient space is thereby provided to store 800 barrels of apples.

Detailed information regarding the storage of butter and cheese may be had by those interested in two bulletins of the United States department of agriculture. Bulletin 83, bureau of animal industry, gives information on cheese, and Bulletin 84, bureau of animal industry, on butter. These pamphlets will be sent free of charge as long as the supply lasts, after which they may be purchased for a small price of the superintendent of documents.

GOOD QUALITIES OF MANURE

All Growing Plants Require Certain Food Elements Which Must Be Secured From the Soil.

Some farmers used to have the notion that the only reason they had for hauling manure onto the fields was to get it out of their way. This class of men would have thrown the fertilizer into a hole had one been handy. Of late it is only reasonable that if it is not returned in some form the soil will become depleted. Barnyard manure is mixed with bedding, which contains the plant food elements taken from the ground that produced its growth. Naturally this combination is not as strong in fertilizing elements as pure manure; but it has immense value as a fertilizer. The bedding absorbs the liquids, which would otherwise be a loss. The organic portion of a load of manure is just as valuable for fertilizing purposes as the nitrogen, potash, acid, etc., contained in the manure. Before the organic portion is of value as a fertilizer it must pass through a process of rotting. This process turns it into humus—one of the elements in which many soils are most lacking.

Live stock manure contains about 80 per cent of the plant food elements contained in the food eaten by the stock. This food was taken from the soil; so it is only reasonable that if it is not returned in some form the soil will become depleted. Barnyard manure is mixed with bedding, which contains the plant food elements taken from the ground that produced its growth. Naturally this combination is not as strong in fertilizing elements as pure manure; but it has immense value as a fertilizer. The bedding absorbs the liquids, which would otherwise be a loss. The organic portion of a load of manure is just as valuable for fertilizing purposes as the nitrogen, potash, acid, etc., contained in the manure. Before the organic portion is of value as a fertilizer it must pass through a process of rotting. This process turns it into humus—one of the elements in which many soils are most lacking.

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The safest kind of farming is that which makes it possible for the farmer and his family to live well. Even if large crops which must be turned

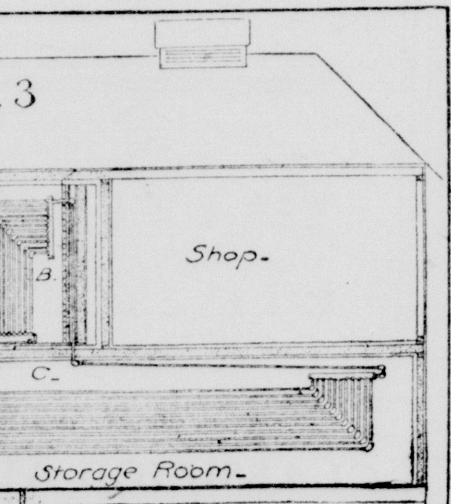


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WOULD ADOPT HER OWN SON

Mother Tries to Recover Child Left at Mission When a Baby.

Chicago.—Patrick Warren Hastings is four years old. Recently his mother, Mrs. Ida Mae Hastings Smith of No. 5873 Glenwood avenue, who has been seeking in three courts to gain his custody, filed a petition in the county court seeking to adopt him. Frederick L. Smith, the mother's present husband, joined in the petition.

Patrick's father, Warren W. Hastings, is dead, and before Mrs. Hastings became Mrs. Smith the child had been left at a mission, where Mrs. Lee C. Hackett of No. 5837 Washington boulevard found him and took him home. Mrs. Emily F. Roley, No. 3427 Prairie avenue, was appointed guardian.

The petition sets forth that the adoption was sought in order to make the child eligible to inheritance.

DIED SINGING 'MARSEILLAISE'

Alsation Boy Chanted French National Hymn as Life Ebbbed Out.

Paris.—A pathetic story is told of the death of a seventeen-year-old Alsation boy in the hospital at St. Nazaire the other day. The boy had fought successfully in Belgium, on the Marne and Ypres. At Dixmude he was wounded in the left thigh, right arm and other parts of the body.

The youth showed wonderful stoicism. When he was dying his mother asked him if, now that he knew what war was, he would be willing if he lived to undergo his sufferings again. The boy answered unhesitatingly:

"There is no doubt about it, mother."

He then bade farewell to all the other patients in the ward, thanked the nurses and died singing the "Marseillaise."

SEEKS 400,000 WAR HORSES

Agent of Great Britain Looks Over the Available Supply in Montana.

Butte, Mont.—Great Britain is in the market for 400,000 horses, according to a statement made here by a Boston agent of the British government who is looking over the market here. England now has 300,000 horses on hand, he said, which probably would not be used until spring.

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GETTING RESULTS

By CLARA WEBER.

After the dinner dishes were done Mrs. Chumly came into the living room and sat down at the other side of the table. Chumly was deep in the evening paper.

"Fred," she began tentatively, "your cousin Will is going to be married, and you'll have to have a new suit. I want you to look nice."

Chumly was surprised, and much interested in his cousin, but he knew the signs well enough to be cautious. "Why, that's a little bit sudden, isn't it? He was here to dinner with your own cousin Susie not more than three weeks ago and he didn't say anything about it, at least not to me."

"Maybe he didn't know it himself then," returned Mrs. Chumly, "and anyway men are not especially given to noticing things. And such news is usually supposed to be a surprise, even when it isn't. Your best suit is really getting too shabby to wear to any place at all. You'll just have to stop at the tailor's and put in a rush order. The wedding is to take place just a week from next Wednesday."

Chumly snorted. "Gosh! that is in a hurry. I'll venture the women is back of it—probably afraid he'll get away."

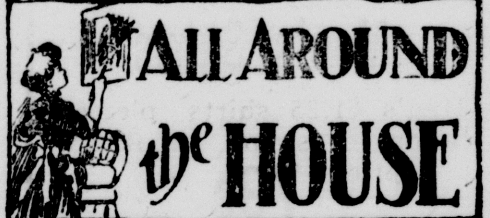
Mrs. Chumly flushed and seemed about to make a tart rejoinder, then evidently thought better of it and held her peace as Chumly continued: "You know very well that I have to make a interest payment on the house this month, and my insurance policy

CARE OF THE CENTERPIECE

Convenient Receptacle Which May Be Employed to Keep the Linen Unwrinkled and Fresh.

Embroidered or lace trimmed centerpieces should be ironed flat and rolled up, not folded, for putting away. If desired a very little boiled starch may be added to the last rinsing water but the centerpiece will look handsomer if simply wrung out of hot water and ironed while wet with a very hot iron. Several centerpieces may be rolled at once over a length of broomstick or any other stick of suitable size and length. Newspapers made into a long, smooth roll, will answer if there is nothing else handy.

A most attractive receptacle for the safe-keeping of centerpieces may be made with an ordinary mailing tube, a yard long, one yard of flowered cretonne and several yards of No. 4 ribbon at 5 or 6 cents the yard. Cut off the four corners of the square of cretonne and bind all around with ribbon. Use the corner pieces to cover the ends of the mailing tube, pasting the material to the tube with library paste. Paste one edge of the square along the tube, roll over until the tube is completely hidden and tack in place. The cut-off corners at either end will fit nicely around the covered ends of the tube. At the opposite edge of the cretonne square sew short lengths of ribbon, and when the centerpieces have been laid on the square, begin at the tube and roll up, trying the finished roll of cretonne and centerpieces within, by means of the ribbon ends. Or, instead of using ribbons to tie up the roll, attach metal snap-fasteners to the cretonne in such manner that the roll may be snap-buttoned together.



In the sick room be sure to wash each glass and spoon immediately after use.

Choose high, narrow saucepans, with close-fitting lids, for cooking vegetables.

A linen cover for the hot water bag is a good thing to have in the guest room.

In roasting meat allow fifteen minutes for each pound and fifteen minutes over.

Satin slippers of the most delicate colors can be cleaned with denatured alcohol.

Allspice, soaked until soft enough to string, may be made into a fragrant necklace.

Every sheer dress material should be pressed on a soft surface and without dampening.

Oranges preserved whole make a delicious dessert if filled with whipped cream or custard.

Place a large sponge in the bottom of the umbrella jar if you would avoid breaking it.

If you can't quite afford to have a chair reupholstered, try a pretty slip cover over it.

Try thickening the custard for lemon pies with grated potato instead of corn-starch.

A little express wagon is a great convenience for carrying in vegetables and firewood.

Lettuce Braised.
Parboil five minutes, then cook in water or stock slowly, with or without seasonings. Lettuce so cooked is put to a great number of uses, and many vegetarian dishes are made by combining it with various other vegetables—peas, asparagus points, a macedoline of cooked vegetables, eggplant, etc. A pile of vegetables surrounded by a rosette of cooked lettuce is considered an ornamental dish. A rosette made by cutting each leaf in half, folding it once, placing the points all together and the wide parts out, so as to form a wheel, then surrounding the whole with alternate rounds of cooked carrot and beets, is ornamental. It may be served with any good sauce. A great variety of sauces, even the Hollandaise, is served with braised lettuce.

Buttercup Jelly.
Soften one-half cupful of gelatin in one cupful of cold water. Meanwhile heat one pint of milk in double boiler and stir in the beaten yolks of three eggs mixed with one cupful sugar and cook to a custard. Flavor with vanilla, add the gelatin and stir until dissolved. Take from fire and stir in stiffly-beaten whites of three eggs. Turn into mold and when cool put on ice. Be sure to thoroughly beat the mixture or the jelly and custard will separate.

Saving Time and Labor.
When baking cookies an excellent way to save space in the oven, time in cooking and washing pans is to use a large preserve kettle cover, one with a ring that turns down. If the oven is hot place it right side up as the ring may be used for a handle. A good-sized cover will bake about four teen cookies at a time.

Oatmeal Bread.
One cupful rolled oats, one tea spoonful salt, two cupfuls boiling water, two tablespoonfuls sugar, butter size of an egg, one-half yeast cake. Mix like wheat bread using bread loaf to make a stiff batter; let rise over night. In the morning knead and put in tins.

Contrary.
"That is an impudent boy, isn't he?"
"Yes; always coming forward with back talk."

Roll of Honor

The following named patriots have enrolled for the coming year with the Messenger's growing list of subscribers: a number are renewals, others are new subscribers. "Is your name written there?" The list follows:

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I think it's perfect nonsense to pretend that a girl who is immoral on \$6 a week will lead a virtuous life on \$8. I think wages have nothing to do with the question of morality, and the girls themselves were the first to resent the suggestion that the minimum wage is the remedy for minimum morals. Of course we will all have to see that working women are paid wages upon which they can live, but it is false and ridiculous to assert that there is a direct relation between the wages of women and their morality. And working women were the first to point this out—another indication, I think, that they are their own best helpers.—Miss Anne Morgan.



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Gray Cake.

One egg well beaten, one cupful sugar, one teaspoonful butter, one cupful milk, two cupfuls flour, one cupful walnuts, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, one teaspoonful vanilla. A very rich and inexpensive cake.

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First in Quality First in Results First in Economy

and for these reasons Calumet Baking Powder is first in the hearts of the millions of housewives who use it and know it.

RECEIVED HIGHEST AWARDS World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, Illinois, Paris Exposition, France, March, 1912.



Flemish Salad.

Cut up any dried fish or herrings into waferlike slices, put them in a salad bowl with potato, lettuce, cold carrots, cut into dice, and a very few spring onions. Pour a mayonnaise over this and serve.

This—and Five Cents!

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose this slip to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address plainly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey & Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup. Foley Kidney Pills and Foley Cathartic Tablets. HILL DRUG CO.

And There You Have It.

"Supposing," said Mr. Meekton, "that you were a voter."
"Well?" rejoined his wife.
"And suppose I were a candidate."
"You want to know whether I would vote for you?"
"That was the question I had in mind."
"Yes, Leonidas, I would vote for you. But if I caught any other women voting for you I should consider their action very forward and impertinent."—St. Paul Dispatch.

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"I wonder what's the meaning of the expression 'History repeats itself?'" asked Dubler.
"I don't know," replied Subbubs, "but if it's scandalous family history it needn't exert itself at all."

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Most middle age men and women are glad to learn that Foley Kidney Pills give relief from languidness, stiff and sore muscles and joints, puffiness under eyes, backache, bladder weakness and rheumatism. They get results. Contain no harmful drugs. HILL DRUG CO.

You don't save money when you buy cheap. Buy Calumet. It's more economical—more wholesome—gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.

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Hundreds of bargain seekers from all parts of the county were in attendance at the opening, and the house has been the scene of a big rush every day since our doors were thrown open Saturday morning. Goods are being sold at prices other merchants pay the wholesalers. Look! Listen!

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\$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes at
\$2.24
\$2.50 and \$3.00 shoes at
\$1.98
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Men's Elk skin shoes, \$2.50
values for **\$1.49**

Men's \$2.50 and \$3. hats for
99c
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79c.

Clarks O. N. T. thread **25c**
Eight spools for.....
\$2.00 suit cases for.....**79c**
2.50 and 3.00 suit cases.....**98c**
\$7.00 trunk.....**\$3.49**
\$5.00 trunk.....**\$2.24**
A'll wool flannel shirts, \$2.00
value, bankrupt price.....**59c**

Calicoes, all colors

Best brand, 2 1-2c per yard.
10 yards to a customer
Ginghams, 10c values for **5c**
Ginghams, 12c values, fast
colors, guaranteed... **8 1-3c**
Checked ginghams 10c val. **5c**
10c outing flannel for... **5c**
12c outing flannel for... **7c**
White and red wool flannel,
regular 35c value for **14c** yd
All wool serge blue and black
75c value for only... **33c** yd
Broad cloth, regular \$1.25
value, price only **79c** per yd

Dress goods in plaits, 75c and
\$1.00 per yd value, only **39c**
50c sheets for only... **39c**
15c pillow cases, only **8 1-3c**
10c and 12 1-2c domestic... **6c**
10c domestic for only **5 1-2c**

Children's Shoes

\$1.50 and \$2.00 values for
\$1.19
\$2.00 and \$2.50 values for
\$1.24

Ladies' Shoes

Ladies' old comfort, plain toe,
\$1.50 and \$2 values for
98c
1 lot ladies' shoes, worth \$3.
and \$3.50; sizes 3 and 4.
Bankrupt sale price
98c
Ladies' house shoes, \$1.50
and \$2 value **74c**

Ladies' \$2.50 and \$3 sweaters
79c
Children's 50c sweaters
15c

Children's high tops, sizes 8
to 12, regular \$2.25 values,
Bankrupt sale price
99c

Pepperel sheeting, regular
35c value for only... **19c**
Linen table cloth, regular
75c value, sale price... **43c**

Ladies' \$1.50 and \$2 dresses,
79c.

Children's dresses, \$1. and
\$1.25 values, bankrupt price
39c

Ladies' kimono, \$3 and 3.50
values for only
99c

Ladies' \$10.00 coats, only
\$2.49

Misses' coats, \$4 and \$5 val.
\$1.98

Children's \$2.50 and \$3.00
coats, bankrupt price
49c

Any of our ladies skirts,
worth from \$4 to \$6 for
1.98

Men's J. B. Stetson hats, \$5.
and \$6. value for only
\$3.39

Men's \$5 Stetson hats for
\$2.98

Men's \$3. and \$3.50 hats, all
styles and colors for
\$1.49

Men's Shirts

Men's \$1.25 shirts, pleated
bosom or stripe, bankrupt
price **79c**

Men's \$1.00 dress shirts for
59c

Men's 75c dress shirts only
39c

Men's 50c blue workshirts
34c

Men's attached collar shirts,
35c value, only
15c

BOY'S SHOES

\$2.50 and \$3 values, Bank-
rupt sale **\$1.74**

\$2.00 and \$2.50 values for
\$1.49

Boy's Elk skin shoes, \$2 val.
\$1.24

Umbrellas, \$1.50, \$2 values,
74c

Umbrellas, \$1.00 value for
49c

Ladies' purses, were 75c now
19c

Men's suits, 12.00 values for
\$7.49

Men's suits, 10.00 values for
\$4.98

Men's pants, 3.50, \$4. values
\$1.98

Men's blue serge pants, \$4.
and \$5 values for
\$2.24

Linen table cloth, regular 50c
value, sale price only... **21c**

All of our 10c and 15c em-
broidery for only... **5c** yd
Ladies' \$1.00 hose... **43c**

Ladies' 50c hose... **19c**

Ladies' 25c hose only... **14c**

Ladies' 15c hose only... **5c**

Children's 10c hose for... **5c**

Men's sox, 10c value for... **4c**

Men's sox, 15c value for... **6c**

Men's sox, 25c value for 10c

Missionary Society

We appreciate the kindness of the
Messenger in giving us space for
items of interest from our field of
work. And we hope many readers
may keep in touch with the work
being done for our Master through-
out the world.

THE STORY HOUR AT THURBER,
TEXAS.

"In November a series of stories
was told to the children of Thurber
at the settlement. The stories taught
the beauty of thanksgiving to parents
and God by word and deed. Since
this was done it has been observed
that one small maiden has been an-
xious to empty the water from the
wash basin after cleansing her face
and hands, also that the prayer at
night has become more popular and
the atmosphere at the kindergarten
more kindly. The Friday night club
of large girls, half Mexican and half
Italian, worked for a copy of "Great
Americans for Small Americans," to
be given to the girl who repeated one
of the stories in the most complete
and satisfactory fashion. The chil-
dren at Thurber are hungry for sto-
ries that has never been known be-
fore."

MRS. E. H. BAUMGAERTNER,
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Missionary Society.

The Glee Club from A. & M., ap-
pearing at the college auditorium
Tuesday night, rendered an excellent
program before a large audience.
All numbers were liberally applauded
and encores were frequent, showing
the hearty appreciation of the hear-
ers. Decatur people seldom are af-
forded entertainment of the merit
seen in the college boys' perfor-
mance. The Glee Club is making a
tour of Texas universities and col-
leges, among which Baylor, T. C. U.,
Decatur Baptist college and Denton
C. I. A.

A Treacherous Trouble

Decatur People Are Shown the Way
Out.

Kidney diseases are very dangerous.
They come on silently, gain ground
rapidly, and cause thousands of
deaths that could have been pre-
vented by proper treatment in the be-
ginning. Nature gives early warn-
ings of kidney disease—backache,
twinges of pain when stooping or lift-
ing, headaches or urinary disorders.
If these symptoms are unheeded, there
is grave danger of dropsy or possible
Bright's disease. Doan's Kidney
Pills have earned a reputation for
their effectiveness in kidney troubles
and are known and recommended the
world over. Decatur readers should
find convincing proof in the following
statement. It's from a citizen of this
locality.

Mrs. M. Lain, farmer, Bowie,
Texas, says: "The secretions from
my kidneys were in bad shape and
symptoms of dropsy developed. My
body bloated and my feet and ankles
were swollen. I was tired and weak
and had backaches and lameness,
which was worse when I stooped or
did any housework. I used a box of
Doan's Kidney Pills and they brought
a quick and lasting cure. I haven't
needed any kidney medicine since."

Price 50 cents, at all dealers.
Don't simply ask for a kidney rem-
edy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the
kind that Mrs. Lain had. Foster-
Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo,
New York.

Beginning soon the Majestic will
start the big feature picture, "St.
Elmo." This picture is making a
"hit" at the 20c movies in big Texas
cities. It will appear on every Tues-
day night.

Ground-soaking rains have fallen
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